Good Effect or Bad?

Nigeria Well Led Toward Self-Rule

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On Oct. 1, 1960, Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, becomes an independent nation and it is planned, another member of the Commonwealth.

Elsewhere in Africa nowadays the comment is heard, in effect. "The peaceful emergence of Nigeria to freedom will have a good effect on the rest of Africa."

In Nigeria, however, both native and European leaders say: "We will have serious problems in avoiding regional differences and crises."

And in East and Central Africa the attitude is expressed thus: "The only issue here is how soon independence is to come. To grant it elsewhere is to intensify the demand here."

MIXED CUSTOMS

In the voting this year to determine the pattern of Nigeria's eventual national pattern women will not vote in the Moslem North. Yet in the West women dominate affairs, economic, social and political.

In probably the most skilfully executed pattern in all Africa, British colonial administrators have guided Nigeria to its freedom.

This pattern, as in Ghana, takes the form of gradual inclusion of Africans in the administration of their own affairs, then election by universal suffrage of the formerly appointed representatives, and finally withdrawal of colonial veto embodied in a governor.

FOUR KEY MEN

Four key men dominate Nigeria today and from them probably will come the country's first independent prime minister. They are Alhaji the Hon. Abubaker Tafawa Balewa, now prime minister of Nigeria, and the three regional premiers. Chief the Hon. Obafemi Awolowo (West), Hon. the Sardauna of Sokoto (North) and Dr. the Hon. Nramdi Azikiwe (East).

These men now head administrations in an artificially-created state of 200 languages and a score of tribal groups. To avoid conflict, Britain is urging the adoption of a federal system under which the the greatest degree of self-rule, under a somewhat loose federal government with a minimum authority over such things as foreign policy, defence and external trade.

IF IT WORKS

If it works, the new constitution will be excellent. It is now supported by the present leaders, all of whom are intelligent, well-educated men.

The worry is that regional differences may arise. The possibility exists that regional administrations may take the course seen in Ghana: authoritarian measures to maintain discipline. If so, one region might soon be accusing another of kicking around the nationals of the first.

If things work out well, Britain plans independence for tiny Sierra Leone within five years, and may grant it no matter what Nigeria's outcome.

Kenya, in East Africa, watches what occurs across the continent and demands, "Why not us, too?"

Nyasaland, with 7,000 whites dominating 3,000,000 blacks, sees the apartheid policies of South Africa destined for the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the public utterances of the federation's prime minister, Sir Roy Welensky, give plenty of basis for the fear.

Every Room a Bank

Firemen Find Bonanza

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) —Fire broke out in an 11-room house here Wednesday night. Firemen said the building was filled with money.

Dollar bills, fives, tens and twenties were found in every room in the house, said assistant fire chief Ferdinand Senger.

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